

September 26, 1985



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ROYAL D. CROOK

Royal D. Crook was born in Heber City January 3, 1903, the son of Frederick Crook and Minnie M. Lindsay Crook. He grew up and attended the district school. Entered high school, graduated from there in 1922 as valedictorian of his class. The following summer he left for a mission for The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints to South Africa, where he labored three years. After his release he toured Europe for one month. Shortly after returning home he entered the Utah State Agriculture College at Logan. He graduated from that institution in 1929 and received a scholarship to attend Cornell University.

Before leaving for this school he married the charming young school teacher, Miss Willmith Witt in the the Salt Lake Temple. She was the daughter of William Witt and Amelia Murdock Witt, and they went to New York on their honeymoon. They remained there until he graduated with a master of science degree in animal husbandry and farm management.

In 1933 they went to Ely, Nevada, to accept a position of County Agriculture Agent of Ely County. He was called from there in 1934 to be the county agent of Churchill and North Lyon Counties with headquarters in Fallon, Nevada. He held this position from 1934 to 1946. During this time he purchased a farm in that vicinity and from the time he left the office he has been farming. He has a good farm and a modern dairy.

He has been president of the Nevada Milk Producers Assn., president of the

Churchill Company Agricultural Cooperative Assn. and many other things for the betterment of agriculture in that vicinity. With the help of his helpful and very efficient wife they have reared a family of seven children, six girls and one boy. Three of these girls have graduated from college. The eldest one is married and has three children. One has filled a mission for the LDS Church in Japan. Two of them, a boy and a girl, twins, are sophomores in college. The boy now has a call to fill a mission for the Church in China. The other two girls are progressing along the same lines. Royal has also been active in the Church. He was counselor to the bishop while living in Ely; superintendent of the Sunday School in Fallon in 1938; from 1940 to 1944 he was counselor to the bishop in Fallon. In 1944 was called to be the bishop of the Fallon Ward, a position he held from 1944 to 1956. In 1960, he was serving as a high councilman in Reno Stake.

His wife has also been very active in the Church, holding many positions, and at present is president of Relief Society. She has helped and encouraged him at all times.